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**Title  
SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MILITARY STUDIES (SAMS) ADVANCED STRATEGIC  
PLANNING AND POLICY PROGRAM, (ASP3) 2014 COHORT SELECTION**

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A. AR 350-100, OFFICER ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATIONS, DATED 10 AUG 09

1. THIS MILPER MESSAGE EXPIRES ON 1 APR 14.

2. THIS MESSAGE ANNOUNCES THE SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MILITARY STUDIES (SAMS) SELECTION PROCESS FOR THE ADVANCED STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY PROGRAM (ASP3) COHORT THAT WILL BEGIN GRADUATE SCHOOL IN AUGUST OR SEPTEMBER 2014.

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION. THE ADVANCED STRATEGIC PLANNING AND POLICY PROGRAM IS A FIVE OR SIX-YEAR PROGRAM THAT PREPARES FIELD-GRADE OFFICERS FOR SERVICE AS STRATEGIC PLANNERS THROUGH A COMBINATION OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE, PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION, AND A DOCTORATE FROM A CIVILIAN UNIVERSITY.

A. TIMELINE. ONCE SELECTED FOR THE PROGRAM, OFFICERS APPLY TO DOCTORAL PROGRAMS AT RESPECTED AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES IN A LIBERAL ARTS FIELD OF STUDY RELATED TO STRATEGY. THEY SPEND TWO YEARS IN GRADUATE SCHOOL SATISFYING ALL COURSE AND EXAM REQUIREMENTS EXCEPT THE DISSERTATION AND ACHIEVE "ALL BUT DISSERTATION" (ABD) STATUS BY THE END OF THE SECOND YEAR. DURING THESE YEARS, OFFICERS WILL ALSO ATTEND TWO BLOCKS OF PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION AT THE SCHOOL OF ADVANCED MILITARY STUDIES (SAMS) AT FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS STUDYING HISTORY, STRATEGIC THEORY, AND THE PRACTICE OF STRATEGIC PLANNING. IN MOST CASES, THESE WILL OCCUR DURING THE SUMMER TERM FOR 8-10 WEEKS BETWEEN THE FIRST AND SECOND YEAR OF GRAD SCHOOL AND FOLLOWING THE SECOND YEAR. OFFICERS WILL THEN SERVE A DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT IN A STRATEGIC PLANNING POSITION IN DOD, JOINT, AND SERVICE HEADQUARTERS. THOSE OFFICERS SELECTED FOR BATTALION OR BRIGADE COMMAND WILL COMMAND INSTEAD. AFTER THE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSIGNMENT, THE OFFICER WILL SPEND ONE YEAR WORKING FULL TIME ON THE DISSERTATION AT SAMS OR ANOTHER SUITABLE LOCATION AND THEN BE AVAILABLE FOR UTILIZATION AS A STRATEGIC PLANNER.

B. FIELDS OF STUDY. EXAMPLES OF FIELDS OF STUDY THAT ARE RELATED TO STRATEGY INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO: HISTORY, POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PUBLIC POLICY, SECURITY STUDIES, STRATEGIC STUDIES, ECONOMICS, POLITICAL ECONOMY, APPLIED PHILOSOPHY, ANTHROPOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, COMMUNICATION STUDIES, STATISTICS, POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY, INFORMATION SCIENCE, SYSTEMS SCIENCE, PUBLIC HEALTH, INTERNATIONAL LAW, AND DESIGN.

C. SERVICE OBLIGATION. OFFICERS INCUR AN ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE OBLIGATION IAW THE POLICIES OUTLINED IN AR 350-100.

4. SELECTION BOARD. THE COMBINED ARMS CENTER-LEADER DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION (CAC-LDE) SELECTION BOARD FOR THE 2014 COHORT OF ASP3 WILL CONVENE 09 – 13 SEP 13. IT WILL SELECT OFFICERS WHOSE PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC POTENTIAL WARRANT SIGNIFICANT INVESTMENT IN THEIR DEVELOPMENT AS A STRATEGIC PLANNER AND FUTURE LEADER.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA. OFFICERS WHO MEET THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA ARE ELIGIBLE FOR CONSIDERATION FOR SELECTION TO ATTEND ASP3:

A. REGULAR ARMY OFFICERS OF ANY BRANCH IN YEAR GROUPS 1992-2001 MAY APPLY.

B. MAJORS MUST HAVE SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED AT LEAST 12 MONTHS IN KEY DEVELOPMENTAL POSITIONS OR CAREER FIELD EQUIVALENT PRIOR TO START OF ASP3.

C. MUST BE MEL 4/JPME I COMPLETE.

D. SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED ARMY PHYSICAL FITNESS TEST REQUIREMENTS AND NOT HAVE ANY PROFILE WHICH PLACES THE INDIVIDUAL IN A NON-DEPLOYABLE STATUS.

E. MEET SERVICE HEIGHT AND WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS.

F. HAVE AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS ON STATION BEFORE PCSING TO ASP3. CLASS STARTS IN JUNE 2014. INDIVIDUALS SELECTED TO ATTEND SHOULD BE PREPARED TO REPORT NLT 01 JUN 14.

G. UNDERGRADUATE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA) OF 2.5 OR BETTER.

H. CURRENT GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATION (GRE) WITH MINIMUM SCORES OF 153 VERBAL REASONING, 144 QUANTITATIVE REASONING, AND 4.0 ANALYTICAL WRITING. (MINIMUM SCORES FOR THE GRE ON THE SCALE USED BEFORE 1 AUG 11 ARE 500 VERBAL REASONING, 500 QUANTITATIVE REASONING, 4.0 ANALYTICAL WRITING.) SCORES MUST BE NO MORE THAN FIVE YEARS OLD.

I. MUST HAVE AT LEAST A SECRET CLEARANCE.

J. OFFICERS WITH AN APPROVED SEPARATION DATE (EITHER FROM RESIGNATION OR RETIREMENT) ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ASP3 CONSIDERATION.

6. SELECTION CRITERIA:

A. HIGH POTENTIAL FOR FUTURE SERVICE.

B. HIGH POTENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE IN KEY STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP POSITIONS (STAFF PLANNING, COMMAND, ETC.).

C. ABILITY TO COMPLETE A RIGOROUS DOCTORAL PROGRAM TO INCLUDE A WELL-WRITTEN AND PERSUASIVE DOCTORAL DISSERTATION.

D. STRONG INTEREST IN STRATEGY AND STRATEGIC PLANNING.

E. OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE (KUWAIT, IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, PHILIPPINES, ETC.) AND BE FULLY DEPLOYABLE IN SUPPORT OF CONTINGENCY OPERATIONS.

7. APPLICATION. APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ALL FORMS, LETTERS, AND INFORMATION OUTLINED IN PARA 9 TO THE SAMS ASP3 EMAIL ADDRESS BELOW (7.B.). FORMATS AND DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE APPLICATION PACKET CAN BE FOUND ON THE SAMS ASP3 WEBSITE. THIS SITE WILL BE ACTIVATED NLT 2400Z ON 01 MAY 13 AND REMAIN ACTIVE UNTIL 2400Z ON 01 AUG 13. AFTER THIS DATE SAMS WILL NO LONGER ACCEPT APPLICATIONS. APPLICANTS REQUIRING ADDITIONAL TIME FOR SUBMISSION OF GRE SCORES DUE TO AN OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENT OR OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD SEND A REQUEST TO THE SAMS ASP3 EMAIL ACCOUNT BELOW.

A. SAMS ASP3 WEBSITE: [HTTPS://PARTIS.LEAVENWORTH.ARMY.MIL/CGSC/SAMS/](https://PARTIS.LEAVENWORTH.ARMY.MIL/CGSC/SAMS/)

B. SAMS ASP3 EMAIL: [USARMY.LEAVENWORTH.TRADOC.MBX.CGSC-SAMS-ASP3@MAIL.MIL](mailto:USARMY.LEAVENWORTH.TRADOC.MBX.CGSC-SAMS-ASP3@MAIL.MIL)

8. CRITICAL DATES:

A. APPLICATION WINDOW: (2400Z) 01 MAY– (2400Z) 01 AUG 13

B. ALL APPLICATIONS RECEIVED: NLT 2400Z, 01 AUG 13

C. INTERVIEW PERIOD: 12 AUG – 06 SEP 13

E. SELECTION BOARD: 09 – 13 SEP 13

F. LIST RELEASE NLT: 16 OCT 13

9. APPLICATION PACKET INCLUDES: (APPLICANTS WILL SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SAMS ASP3 WEBSITE FOR EACH REQUIREMENT LISTED BELOW).

A. INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM.

B. PROFESSIONAL GOALS SHEET.

C. CURRENT ORB.

D. CURRENT DA PHOTO.

E. LAST 5 OFFICER EVALUATION REPORTS.

F. CURRENT PHYSICAL FITNESS CARD WITH HT/WT DATA.

G. COLLEGE UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE TRANSCRIPTS.

H. 2-3 LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.

I. SAMPLE OF SCHOLARLY WRITING.

J. CURRENT GRADUATE RECORD EXAMINATIONS (GRE) SCORES. NOTE THAT IT WILL TAKE AROUND FOUR WEEKS AFTER A TEST TO RECEIVE GRE SCORES.

K. INTERVIEWS. NOT ALL PERSONNEL WILL INTERVIEW. APPLICANTS AT FT LEAVENWORTH WILL CONDUCT IN-PERSON INTERVIEW. APPLICANTS WHO ARE NOT ASSIGNED AT FT. LEAVENWORTH WILL BE INTERVIEWED TELEPHONICALLY.

10. OFFICERS WHO ARE SELECTED FOR ASP3 AND ARE SENIOR SERVICE COLLEGE SELECT WILL RECEIVE MEL 1 CREDIT UPON COMPLETION OF ASP3.

11. POC IS COL CHRISTOPHER N. PRIGGE, ASP3 DIRECTOR, DSN 585-3317 OR COMMERCIAL 913-758-3317. ADDITIONAL POC IS LTC JON PARVIN, ASP OPERATIONS OFFICER, DSN 585-3457 OR COMMERCIAL 913-758-3457; MRS. ANNA WHITE, SAMS SECRETARY, DSN 585-3300 OR COMMERCIAL 913-758-3300.